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Chief Justice Attends Roane-Calhoun Adult Drug Court Graduation

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SPENCER, W.Va. – Chief Justice Evan Jenkins attended a Roane-Calhoun Adult Drug Court graduation ceremony on Friday, June 11, at the Roane County Courthouse in Spencer.

The event was followed by a picnic lunch reception for the graduate at the Heritage Park Community Building behind the courthouse.

“Treatment courts are an important way the West Virginia judicial system serves the public. Every graduate has worked hard and has had a difficult personal journey,” said Chief Justice Jenkins. “I wish this graduate nothing but the best and look forward to seeing him accomplish his goals.”

The first Adult Drug Court was established in the Northern Panhandle in 2005, and there now are 29 Adult Drug Courts serving all counties. The first Juvenile Drug Court was established in 1999 in Cabell County, and there now are 18 Juvenile Drug Courts serving 24 counties. Family Treatment Courts were authorized by the Legislature in 2019 and there currently are seven operating, with another three expected to open this summer.

There have been more than 2,500 treatment court graduates in West Virginia. Currently 459 West Virginia adults and 116 youths are participating in the programs and another 71 are participating in family treatment courts.

For more information about West Virginia Treatment Courts see:
<http://www.courtswv.gov/lower-courts/treatment-courts.html>.

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